

Lesson Eight: Comprehensive Discipleship for Comprehensive Mission

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A. Be the New Humanity

Romans 12:1, 3-9; 13:14.

Ephesians 4

Both passages contain the admonition to “be who you are”, to be transformed/changed from the world around you, to grow in maturity/fullness personally and especially corporately through the use of Spiritual gifts. Both passages are based on preceding chapters describing God’s grace, the power of the Spirit at work in us, and the riches of our inheritance in Christ (Ephesians 1–3, Romans 1–11).

B. Extent of Christian Discipleship

C. Recap: What is our motivation? (4 Cs...)

Matthew 6:19–34

When John Chrysostom (ca. 347-407) was brought before the empress Eudoxia, she threatened him with banishment if he insisted on his Christian independence as a preacher.

“You cannot banish me, for this world is my Father’s house.”

“But I will kill you,” said the empress.

“No, you cannot, for my life is hid with Christ in God,” said John.

“I will take away your treasures.”

"No, you cannot, for my treasure is in heaven and my heart is there."

"But I will drive you away from your friends and you will have no one left."

"No, you cannot, for I have a Friend in heaven from whom you cannot separate me.

I defy you, for there is nothing you can do to harm me."

Exodus 20:20 "The fear of God given SO THAT YOU DO NOT SIN"; "Give me one hundred preachers who fear nothing but sin and desire nothing but God, and I care not a straw whether they be clergymen or laymen, such alone will shake the gates of hell and set up the kingdom of heaven on earth." (John Wesley, August 6, 1777)

1 Peter 1:14–19

2 Timothy 4:6-8

D. Motivated to Do the Work of a Disciple: Vocation as a Test Case

Ephesians 6:1–3, 5–9 (cf. James 4:1–5:6)

E. Life in a New Family, New Community, based on our New Identity

Ephesians 5:21: "Submit to one another out of *reverence for Christ*" = radical interdependence

Luke 14:12–14

"Being unwanted, unloved, uncared for, forgotten by everybody, I think that is a much greater hunger, a much greater poverty than the person who has nothing to eat."

Mother Teresa

Romans 15:1ff

F. The Need for Comprehensive Mission

Romans 15:23–29